Bible & Daily Living

Terrorism and ancient kings

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A Reign of Terror
Lesson for July 15, 1984
Bible study passage: I Kings 16:21-25, 29-33; 22:37-39

Introduction

We are normally angered by the acts of terrorists around the world. It's simply hard to believe that some people can regard human life so cheaply. The bombings, assassinations, and mass murders are enough to make us throw up our hands in despair and cry, "When will it all ever end?"

We know, too, that our nation has a blemished track record. We have seen two global conflicts and numerous other wars in which our people sacrificed life and limb. Our country also experienced an internal Civil War which claimed the lives of many young men. Our country was even conceived in conflict when we broke with England.

War has been a fact of life ever since the dawn of time. It would appear that humanity will never settle its conflicts without bloodshed. Peace seems so far out of reach; yet we want it so desperately.

Some have said that World War II was the war to end all wars. We pray to God that it did not set the stage for a third world war. Our lesson this week will encourage us to work for peace through righteousness.

A Reign of Violence (I Kings 16:21-25)

The list of kings over Israel following the reign of Jeroboam reads like a Who's Who of evildoers. The scripture testifies to the violent activities that existed under their leadership. These kings focused their energies upon wealth and power rather than upon obedience to God.

Under the reign of Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Tibni and Omri, the people of Israel lived as a divided nation. They knew nothing but insecurity and violence. Post-war babies have enjoyed a relatively peaceful existence, but those who lived during World Wars I and II experienced hard times. It took a significant amount of time to recuperate from the horrors of those two wars. Then came the Korean conflict and Vietnam, which took their toll in American lives.

Omri seemed to make one wise contribution to Israel's history when he established Samaria as the new capital. Samaria was a hill city that stood until defeat by the Assyrians.

Evil Ahab (I Kings 16:29-33)

Omri left the throne to his son, Ahab. He was a colorful leader because of the bizarre shenanigans he and his wife, Jezebel plotted. Jezebel worshipped a pagan god and coerced Ahab into doing the same. At her insistence, he built a temple in Samaria to the pagan god Melcar. The perverted sexual activities that took place in this temple would easily compete with some of the smut we have in our country.

The Death of a King (I Kings 22:37-39)

Ahab died in keeping with the way that he lived. Israel and Judah had joined together in a battle against Syria. A prophet named Micaiah predicted a victory. Ahab was suspicious of the prophecy and decided to go into battle in disguise. Strangely, Ahab was killed by a stray arrow. The disguise made no difference when it came to God's judgements.

Wealth and power cause some people to lose sight of reality. They will violate the laws of God in pursuit of their selfish desires. Persons in leadership positions must take great care not to abuse the power and wealth at their disposal.

This is the time of year when we remember our struggle for freedom in 1776. We should never forget the price we've paid to be free.

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THE CAST OF "GODSPELL," which will be produced by Depot Dramatics July 26-28 at the Appomattox County High School auditorium, is shown forming the "Tower of Babel" during rehearsal. Shown are Debbie Johnson (front); Lin Volturo, Joyce Sweet and Connie Fry Conner (second row); David Williams, Tommy Robinson and David Harvey, (standing); and Mary Paciocco and Renee Williams (back). A dinner will be served in the ACHS cafeteria at 6:30 each evening before the shows, which begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from cast members, or at the Heritage Inn.

Springfield celebration set

The Men's Club of Springfield Baptist Church will celebrate their sixth anniversary Sunday, July 15 at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Deb Christian and her choir will be special guests at the event.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Homecoming, revival slated

Homecoming and revival services will be held at Maple Grove Baptist Church in Gladstone beginning Sunday, July 15.

Revival services will be held each night through Friday, July 21, starting at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Omar Burnette will be the guest speaker.

Hollywood plans revival

Revival services will be held at Hollywood Baptist Church July 15 through 20 beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The Rev. James W. Dunn of Buckingham will be guest speaker. Special music is planned for each night. Pastor James E. Griffin and members of the church invite everyone to attend.

Sunday, July 15 will be high attendance day in Sunday School at Hollywood Baptist Church. A picnic lunch on the church grounds will follow.

Promise Land news notes

Separation from God's will and way finally leads to separation and division in all the relations of people [illegible] families, friendships and nations.

The Promise Land Usher Board will celebrate their anniversary July 22. The Heavenly Gospel Singers of Phenix will render music in concert. The program will begin at 3 p.m.

Miss Carmelita Thornton has been selected as our representative for NAACP Queen, 1984. Please give her your support. The program is scheduled for Oct. 14.

Let us remember the sick and the shut-in in our deeds and prayers.

Jones delivers message

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:18

The Sunday morning message at the Jesus Center, "Surely I come Quickly," was delivered by Elder Jones.

He went on to say, "When Jesus comes back, this will be good news for them that are doing the things that are pleasing in His sight. But if we are not ready we will be lost."

The Sunday evening message was delivered by Minister David Robertson. His topic was "I am a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off."

Sometimes the Lord seems to be far off, but as we strive to get closer to Him, we can see and hear Him better.

When we are going through our trials and tribulations, He seems so far away, but it's just that we need to draw closer to Him.

Weekly services at the Jesus Center are as follows: Tuesday - 7 p.m. Bible class; Thursday - 7 p.m. prayer and praise night; Sunday - 11 a.m. morning worship, 7 p.m. evening worship.

Gravel Hill says 'thanks'

Gravel Hill Baptist Church extends thanks to Mrs. Epsie Holmes, of New Jersey, for her donation of $7,000 for upholstering the church pews in honor of her brother, Mr. Giles Walker.

Revival will be held the week of July 15-20 at Gravel Hill. The morning speaker is our pastor, the Rev. Miller. The Rev. McCray, of Amherst, will bring the afternoon message and conduct revival.

Each night of the revival a guest choir will be featured.

Dinner will be served.

Pray for the sick and the shut-in everywhere.

Mt. Shiloh church news

Sunday morning services at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church were enjoyed by all attending.

Installation services for our pastor, the Rev. Garry D. Moore, will be held Sunday, July 15 at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Usher Board will meet Saturday, July 14 at the church at 2 p.m.

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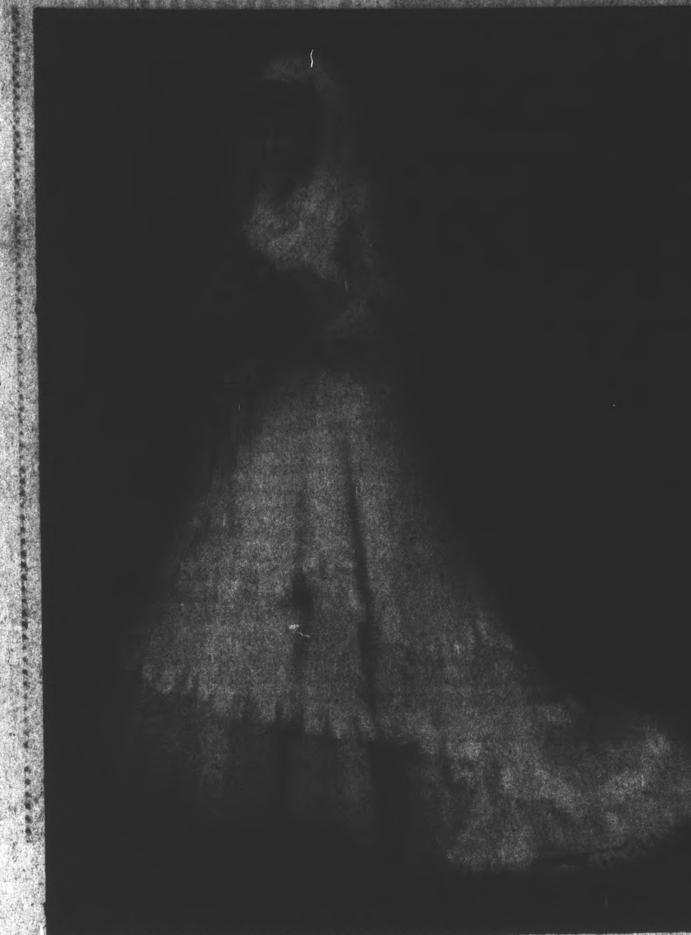

Mrs. Christopher Wayne Morris

Doss, Morris are wed

The marriage of Lisa Dawn Doss to Christopher Wayne Morris took place on Saturday evening, June 30, at seven o'clock in Pamplin Methodist Church, with the Rev. Sallye Bowen officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Doss of Appomattox. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morris of Phenix, Va.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Jill Franklin of Appomattox was maid of honor and attendants were Deborah and Denise Davis of Hampton, Va., cousins of the bride.

Mr. Morris was his son's best man and ushers were Barry L. Doss of Appomattox, and Wayne Overstreet of Phenix.

Selections of music were provided by Scott Drinkard, Lori Coggins and Tambra Hamlett.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the ceremony.

After a trip to the mountains, the couple will reside in Phenix, Va.

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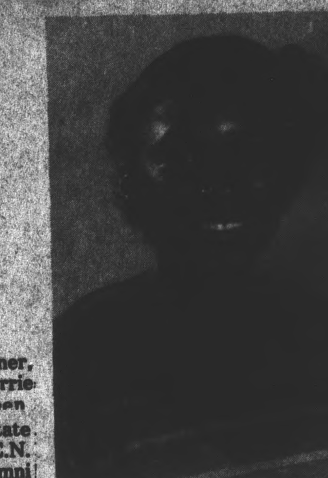
Turner to compete in finals



Harriette Annette Turner

Miss Harriette Annette Turner, age 15, daughter of Ms. Carrie Turner of Concord, has been selected to compete in the state Finals of the Virginia Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant to be held at the Omni International Hotel, Norfolk, Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

Miss Turner will be competing for the title of Virginia Miss T.E.E.N. in this, the official state preliminary for the National Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in December.

Contestants are between the ages of 14 and 18 and must have a "B" or better average in school. They are required to participate in the Volunteer Service Program of the Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant. Through this program many young ladies are becoming involved in community activities by contributing at least 12 hours in some worthwhile charity or civic work. Miss T.E.E.N. Contestants nationwide contributed over a half million hours to their communities last year. The March of Dimes is the official national charity organization for the Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant.

Virginia Miss T.E.E.N. will receive a crown, trophy, a $1000 cash scholarship, a $4000 scholarship to Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee and an all-expense paid trip to represent Virginia at the National Pageant in Albuquerque, where she will compete for over $25,000 in awards. Prizes include $15,000 in cash scholarships and a $2,000 personal appearance contract.

Contestants will be judged on Scholastic Achievement, Volunteer Service, Speech or Talent, Formal Presentation and Interview. No swimsuit competition is required.

Miss Turner is sponsored by the Appomattox N.A.A.C.P. Chapter, Community Funeral Home, Moore's Country Store, Mt. Obed Baptist Churchs Junior Choir, family and friends.

Her hobbies include singing, playing the piano, cooking, and listening to the radio.

O'Donnell, Morrell to marry

Maureen Frances O'Donnell and Joseph Vincent Morrell

Miss Maureen Frances O'Donnell and Mr. Joseph Vincent Morrell Jr., will be married April 20, 1985 at St. John's Catholic Church, Richmond, Va.

Maureen is the daughter of Brian and Merle O'Donnell of Appomattox. She is a 1983 graduate of Appomattox County High School and has been employed at the Bank of Virginia, Richmond, since her graduation.

Joseph is the son of Charlotte R. Morrell and the late Joseph Vincent Morrell, Sr., of Richmond. He graduated from Varina High School, Varina, Va. in 1980 and has been employed at Kim-Rock Electric Company in Richmond since his graduation.

The couple plan to make their home in the Richmond area.

Shower honors Keaton

Deborah Moore Keaton was honored on Saturday, June 2, when Mildred Candler and Ava Ferguson entertained with a miscellaneous shower at the Candler home in Gladys, Va.

The refreshment table was centered with an arrangement of pink roses and pink candles.

The wedding of Deborah Keaton, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard T. Moore of Mechanicsville, to Charles Micheal Newman of Ashland and Saudi Arabia, son of Mrs. Kenneth E. Williams of Carrelton and Charles Terrence Newman of Mantique, La., was an event of June 16 in Richmond at Northminister Baptist Church.

Among guests attending were Mrs. Moore, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Williams, mother of the groom. Other guests included Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, grandmother of the groom, and other relatives and friends.

Davis, Blosser to wed

Sharon Christine Davis and Steven Wesley Blosser

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pat Davis of Appomattox announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Christine, to Steven Wesley Blosser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Blosser of Dillwyn.

Miss Davis is a 1983 graduate of Appomattox County High School. She is employed at Big Star, Hills Plaza, Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. Blosser is a 1979 graduate of Buckingham County High School. He is employed at Sullivan Mechanical, Shenandoah, Va.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 1, 1984 at 2 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church at Red House, Va.

Trueax, Staples wed

The marriage of Mary E. Trueax to O. Wilson Staples took place the evening of June 22 at 7 o'clock in Penns Grove, New Jersey, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Milton LeCompte, pastor of the church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Crivelli of Pedricktown, N.J. The bridegroom is the son of Mary Alice Staples of Evergreen and the late Ryland Wilson Staples.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Kathryn Jackson of Pennsville, N.J., was matron of honor.

Mr. G. E. McLaughlin of Evergreen was best man. John Jackson of Pennsville, N.J., and Anthony DeFed of Pedricktown, N.J., served as ushers.

The couple will live in Evergreen.

Benefit dance planned

A benefit dance will be held for Clyde (Tom Dooley) Ferguson at Paradise Lake July 27 from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

The benefit is sponsored by Ed Riley, owner-operator of Paradise Lake, and the Blackwater Band.

Admission is $7 per couple, and $4 for singles.

Ferguson was paralyzed from the waist down March 8 when a tree fell on him while he was cutting wood.

Your support is appreciated.

Discount tickets available

Discount tickets for attending Busch Gardens from July 14-22 are still available through the Appomattox County Recreation Department.

Anyone interested in obtaining these tickets may contact Julie Coffman at 352-8611. The price is $9.25 per ticket.

Nash family to reunite here

The descendants of the late Allen Cecil and Ella Cheatham Nash will hold [illegible] Saturday, Aug. 5 at Fred Jones' lake, located three miles east of Spring Mill on Route 604.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. All relatives and friends are invited to attend. Bring a picnic lunch.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grishaw, Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Garrett, Jason and Kimberly, and Mr. and Mrs. William Grishaw and Allen have returned home from a vacation at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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Mr. Jimmy Shaw and girl friend Terry from Amherst visited Mr. and Mrs. Grishaw last Sunday.

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Misses Phyllis Anne and Pam Thompson have returned to New York City after visiting with their mother, Mrs. Phyllis G. Thompson. They also visited in Hot Springs and Buena Vista, Va.

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Mr. Jim Collins was visited by his son and three of his son's friends from Boston July 3 to July 6.

His son showed video tapes of The Nutcracker on Thursday evening to friends and neighbors at Jim's home.

The audience enjoyed the show very much. Those present included Doris and Avery Dalton, Marguerite Jordan, Walter Payne, Walter Moniz, Russell Kaye, Jim Collins, and his son James Collins.

They all enjoyed a wonderful supper preceding the show.

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